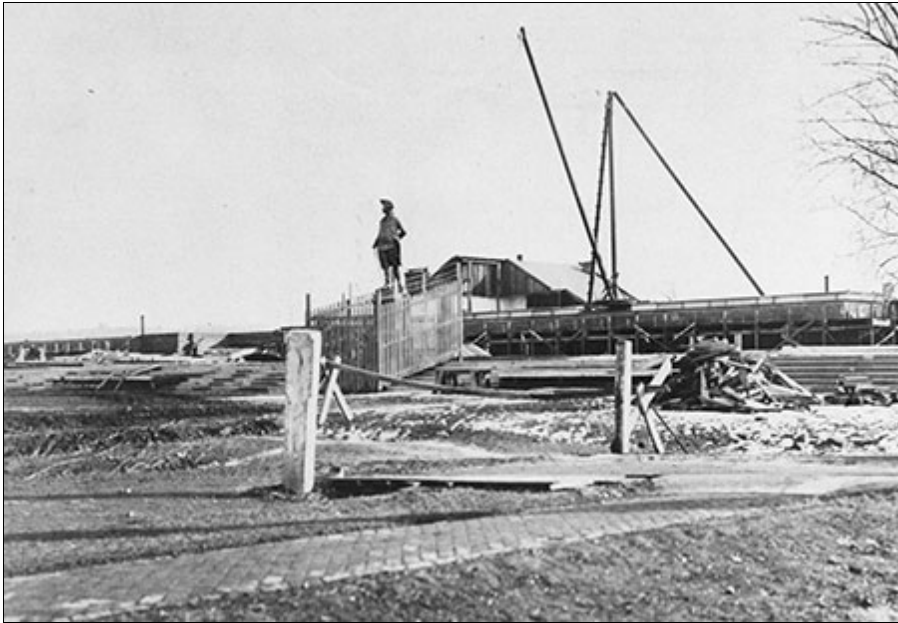


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'What's the story with...?' is a phrase commonly heard at Carlisle Barracks. With more than 50 buildings in the National Historic Register, the post has a history unlike many others.

This is the latest in a series that will take a look at historic buildings, photos and more that tell the story of Carlisle Barracks. Throughout its nearly 260 years of history, the post has been the home to many pioneering schools, events and leaders that have helped shape our Nation. Want to learn more? Check out the Carlisle Barracks history page at <http://carlislebarracks.carlisle.army.mil/history.htm> or visit the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center at <http://www.carlisle.army.mil/ahec/index.cfm> (<http://www.carlisle.army.mil/ahec/index.cfm>)

This week's entry focuses on the statue of Frederick the Great, which stands at the West end of the Carlisle Barracks Parade Grounds.

The statue of Frederick the Great currently stands watch over the Old Parade Ground. When the Army War College came to Carlisle in 1951, so did the bronze statue of Frederick the Great.

Kaiser Wilhelm II presented the replica of a marble figure in Berlin as a gift to President Theodore Roosevelt as a goodwill gesture. It was unveiled in November 1904 at Washington Barracks (currently Fort McNair) in D.C.

During World War I, both Congress and the public pressed for the removal and/or destruction of the statue. After a failed attempt to blow up the statue in 1918, the Army placed it in storage. It returned to its pedestal in November 1927, but was removed yet again during World War II.



Never restored to its former home on Washington Barracks, it finally moved with the Army War College to Carlisle Barracks, where it still stands today. It was enshrined here because of Fredrick's renowned reputation for brilliant military strategy and war campaigns.

You can also find "Freddy" in the background of many military promotion, retirement and other official ceremonies as it is a popular spot after the Army War College graduation ceremonies and weddings held on Carlisle Barracks.

What buildings would you like to learn more about? Send an email to usarmy.carlisle.awc.mbx.atwc-cpa@mail.mil (mailto:usarmy.carlisle.awc.mbx.atwc-cpa@mail.mil) with the Subject Line:

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